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### AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005 (Paper No. 10122005). A separate request for extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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